

The Chairman, Leonard Bertin, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm Wednesday, June 5, 2002.

Present:	L Bertin, member	C Buchanan, member
	A Done, member	K Gauri, member
	D House, member	N Johnson, member
	P Manetta, alt	J Rodgers, member
	J Shah, alt	

Also

Present: M. McGinnis, staff

Absent:	S Burt, alt	D Kuschinsky, member
	D Pietron, member	J Ong, student
	S Lu, student	M Grusnick, staff

## **ITEM B - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 1, 2002**

Rodgers moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2002. Supported by Johnson. All voted in favor.

## **ITEM C - VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC**

Jo Rhodes, Member of the Senior Advisory Committee and Member of Board of Medi-Go

## **ITEM D - NEW BUSINESS**

Bertin stated that due to health problems, he would not be able to attend all of the City Council meetings in the future. Bertin asked if members of this Committee could attend some meetings to maintain the committees visibility. He stated that the Agenda for the meetings are listed on the City website on Fridays.

## **ITEM E - REGULAR BUSINESS**

Jo Rhodes and the Senior Citizens hope to implement a program using cell phones for emergency use, with 911 access only, for senior citizens and the disabled. The phones that are collected have to be in working order and include a charger. It is not clear who de-programs these phones of all numbers except 911; more research is needed to obtain that information. The Committee for Persons with Disabilities along with the Committee for Senior Citizens would like to request that at the next City Council meeting an announcement be made that these phones are being collected. Also, the Committee would like to ask Cindy Stewart to put an announcement on the City Website. Rhodes also stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be a good contact, as they have many contacts with businesses in Troy.

Rhodes stated that collection barrels could be placed at the Community Center at the Seniors Help Desk, along with information on how to obtain a 911 phone.

Bertin stated that Troy Daze would also be a good collection point, either at the Senior Advisory booth or the Medi-Go booth.

## **ITEM F - OLD BUSINESS**

Bertin stated that on the tour of the Community Center on May 1, there were a few things not mentioned in the minutes that should be corrected for easier access for persons with disabilities, 1) the tension on the restroom doors was excessive making it hard for someone in a wheelchair to enter, 2) the entry doors to the meeting rooms and workout rooms were very heavy and hard to handle, and 3) equipment was lacking in the cardio vascular area for persons in wheel chairs. Bertin stated that these concerns had been mentioned to Carol Anderson and also on the tour.

Bertin commented that the Troy Daze Committee would meet on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center at 6:30. At that time they will review the plan for accessibility for the disabled that will be implemented this year.

The Committee made final revisions to the brochure that will be available about the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities. Bertin will type and design the final draft of the brochure.

Bertin stated that he would like to see City Council work on an ordinance like that of Naperville, IL and Pima County, AZ, to make new homes more accessible and visitable for seniors and the disabled. For example, to reinforce walls in bathrooms, so that handrails could be installed if needed, larger doors in bathrooms, and provide one accessible entrance into the home.

Rodgers made a motion that this Committee recommend that City Council review and institute an ordinance similar to the ones currently in place at Naperville, IL, and Pima County, AZ. We further resolve that City Council should support these measures at the state level. C Buchanan supported this motion. All voted in favor. A packet of information on this subject will be forwarded to members of City Council for their review.

## **ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **ITEM H - ADJOURN**

Rodgers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Gauri supported the motion. All voted in favor.

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